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### COMPANY BEING FORMED TO PUT UP ANOTHER FIBER FAC- TORY IN TUCUMCARI AT ONCE

A rousing meeting at the Commercial Club rooms Tuesday night signifies that the residents of Tucumcari are awakening to the fact that they would gain more by being promoted than by pay to see some stranger promoted.

Some years ago the citizens put up several hundred dollars to promote the bear grass industry in this section of New Mexico. They furnished the ground, a building and \$500 in cash and the industry was started to the satisfaction of all those who had indulged. Mr. Raymond, the manager and owner, was a fiber salesman instead of a business man. He bought heavily but did not have available cash to pay readily—even his help. Then came the big explosion and about \$15,000 or \$18,000 worth of property and machinery went up in smoke, with less than ten thousand dollars to pay the indebtedness. As soon as the insurance money was received Mr. Raymond was lost sight of and the citizens lost their money.

In the meantime Chas. Haas, who had been employed in the factory as superintendent, had picked up many of the secrets and being of an inventive nature, commenced work on an improved method of producing fiber from bear grass while it is yet in a green condition. He has made several model machines and experimented to his entire satisfaction and is now ready to assist local capital in putting up a real home-grown fiber factory. The meeting at the Commercial rooms on Tuesday night was at the suggestion of a few who have partially investigated Mr. Haas' process and believe it practical in every way. It is now proposed to form a stock company and capitalize it at \$50,000, with \$2,500 paid-up stock to begin work with.

Committee was chosen to secure the stock. Messrs. Israel, Higday and Jennings being detailed for this work.

Messrs. Prentice, Vorenberg and Goodman were selected to draw up articles of agreement.

There were a number of the most influential business men present at the meeting and they promised to be among the first stockholders and were eager to put up the money to begin the factory which in some ways is an experiment while in other ways it is sure of being a winner as the previous factory showed conclusively that good fiber could be produced from the bear grass while it was in a dry form, and cost more to harvest than by the new process. By the new way the grass will be productive and will be ready for harvest again every two years. At the present time the supply seems inexhaustible. Firms in the east are eager to buy this fiber and will pay good prices. One firm in New York after seeing samples of fiber as made on the small model machine in the shop of Mr. Haas, has written several letters and is anxious to receive a car load and if the product is as good as sample they will contract for the entire output of the factory. This first payment of the stockholders is to produce this carload and additional carloads after it is started and the factory will increase its capacity as fast as possible. The factory will consist of four hickies and one process machine, together with the engine and other necessary equipment. It will employ eight men besides the superintendent. These men will turn out one ton of finished fiber from four tons of raw material. The profit of the factory will be put into new machinery and then the capacity will be unlimited as this whole country is full of the native bear grass and the farmers are ready for the harvest as soon as they have a market.

This will be a good roads booster because the teams and wagons coming toward Tucumcari will tend to make the roads better. The better the roads the more load a team can pull, thus it will be to the interest of the farmers as well as Tucumcari to build suitable roads for travel.

Tucumcari is wide awake to the fact that a town that waits for others to do the experimenting never amounted to anything. This fiber factory move would be an experiment to any other town in New Mexico but not so with Tucumcari. Her citizens know it will be all right as soon as the money is raised and the machinery started. The fiber will sell itself and bring a good profit from a now non-productive native shrub or grass that is growing in all sections of this part of the state.

### NATIONAL GUARD TO BE KEPT FROM DISINTEGRATING

Washington, Jan. 20.—Immediate withdrawal of a "substantial number" of national guardsmen from the border has been ordered by the war department and General Funston now is selecting the units to be sent home. In announcing the order late today Secretary Baker said the number to be withdrawn at this time probably would be 15,000 or 20,000.

The secretary refused to comment on the order or say what relation it might have to the withdrawal of Gen. Pershing's expedition from Mexico. He said that the organizations to be withdrawn would be announced as soon as General Funston reported those he had designated. This withdrawal will reduce the force of state troops on the border to between 55,000 and 60,000.

The announcement generally was accepted, however, as an indication that the withdrawal of Pershing's forces would not be long delayed. It had been understood that as quickly as border stations are evacuated by state troops, regulars will move up to occupy them, but tonight it was said authoritatively that no order to bring the regulars north had yet been issued.

It is the policy of the department not to permit disintegration of the national guard organizations, and the intention is to hold every man in service, though not under arms, regardless of the fact that his duty on the border has ended. All applications for discharging except for cause will be refused, and resignations of officers will be carefully examined and accepted only when the department is satisfied with the reasons given. It was pointed out that acceptance of many of the resignations already offered was more or less in the nature of a weeding out process.

This policy of maintaining intact the strength of the national guard is taken as further indications of what will be the administration's future policy in dealing with Mexico. This policy, it has been indicated, contemplates dealing with the de facto government on an altruistic basis. Thus, it is understood that the activities of Villa and the question who occupies the territory Pershing is about to leave will be regarded here as problems for Carranza and that the United States will look to him for their solution.

### JOHN ARMSTRONG DEAD

"John Armstrong is dead," was the sad but not unexpected news received here Thursday morning. He died at San Antonio, Texas, where he had gone about three months ago with the hope that the lower altitude and milder climate would benefit his health which had been very poor for the past three or four years. He was a sufferer from an enlargement of the heart and the aorta, or large blood vessel, and realized that death might come at any time. Mr. Armstrong and family came here about six years ago and settled on a ranch near Roosevelt, where the family now reside. By and thru his upright dealing, he had gained the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends. He leaves a wife and several children who will miss his kind and indulgent care for their welfare and happiness.—House Pioneer News.

### HIGHS WIN FROM TOWN

The high school students and some of the town folk enjoyed two fast basketball games at the Opera House last Friday night. The town team was strengthened by the addition of Prof. Jackson of the High school, but then were not able to win from the fast High School five. The boys while not very large are playing a good game and are extra fine in team work.

The game Friday night when Las Vegas comes here to try their luck with the home boys will prove their worth.

### THE BOX SUPPER WAS A SUCCESS IN EVERY PARTICULAR. THE CAKE PRESENTED TO THE MOST POPULAR YOUNG LADY, MISS CATHERINE SHIELDS, BROUGHT CONSIDER- ABLE OVER \$50.

### R. B. GARRETT'S SON HERE FROM LAYTON, UTAH

W. W. Garrett, who came to this county with his father several years ago, but left here about eight years ago for the northwest, arrived in Tucumcari last night from Layton, Utah, where he operates an irrigated farm. He thinks there is no place like Utah, and is well pleased. He was 17 years old when he left Tucumcari and today is married, has one boy and weighs 180 pounds. His father introduces him as the real man of the Garrett family. Both the father and mother are small.

### MR. CALISCH WOULD BOND ALL ABSTRACT COMPANIES

A bill providing for the bonding of abstracters, and making the willful falsification of any abstract certificate a felony, was introduced in the senate last week by Senator Calisch of Quay county. It is designated to safeguard land titles in New Mexico. The bill is in five sections and the first section will give you a good idea what it really will mean to the property owners.

"Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to hold themselves out as abstracters and to engage in the business of abstracting title to real estate in any of the counties of the state of New Mexico without first having executed and filed with the county clerk of the county in which said person, firm or corporation intend to engage in the business of abstracting, a bond to the state of New Mexico in the sum of \$5000, to be approved by the board of county commissioners of said county with three or more good and sufficient sureties residing in the county, and each worth not less than the amount of the bond over and above all its liabilities, debts and exemptions, or a surety company duly authorized to do business in this state, conditioned that he will pay all damages that may accrue to any person by reason of any incompleteness, imperfection or error in any abstract furnished by him. The person, firm or corporation who shall execute and file said bond of \$5000, for said purpose shall be liable on said bond to any person or persons for whom he may compile, make or furnish abstract of title and to any person who may be misled to his damage by reason of such imperfect or false abstract to the amount of damage done to said person or persons by any incompleteness, imperfection or error made by said person, firm or corporation in compiling said abstract."

### TRANSFUSION OF BLOOD ON GOVERNOR DE BACA

Santa Fe, Jan. 20.—The inaugural exercises in honor of Governor E. C. de Baca will take place on Friday evening, February 9, instead of February 7 as had been first announced. The decision was reached this afternoon at a meeting of the inauguration committee. At the same time it was decided to drop all attempts to have festivities during the day. Therefore the idea of having the cadets of the military institute at Roswell come to Santa Fe for the inauguration was abandoned.

The inauguration ball will be supplemented with a reception to the legislators to be given at the Old Palace while the ball will be held in the adjoining national guard armory. The affair is to be "bone-dry." Even the Santa Fe and the Elk clubs, which had been expected to serve as ones for the thirsty ones, announced today that their buffets would be closed all evening and night on inauguration day.

It was announced to the committee that Governor de Baca has fully recovered from his set back of a week ago, and is much stronger and that by inauguration day he would probably be still further improved in health. Tomorrow he will undergo another transfusion of blood. His attending physician, Dr. J. E. Massie, has returned from Denver, where he received additional information about the treatment that has been so successful in the governor's case. The doctor's office has been crowded with volunteers who offered to give up part of their blood for the governor. The most promising of the volunteers were thoroughly examined and their pedigree from both father's and mother's sides fully investigated, so that in case they should be chosen the blood transmitted would be of the healthiest type.

### IS JESUS GOD?

Will be the subject next Lord's Day at the Christian church at the 11:00 o'clock hour, and at the 7:30 hour, "Jesus the preacher." The public in general, especially, that part with no church, in Tucumcari, is most cordially invited to these hours of worship, and to all other services as announced.

Be at Bible school at 9:44 for we begin just one minute later and of course, you wish to be on time. The Buick-Ford auto race contest will close Sunday unless the Ford crowd goes to sleep and run into the ditch. By a great burst of speed the Buick could yet win. If you believe in your car, get awfully busy. This is the last call Junior at 3:00 p. m.

C. E. at 6:30, Wm. M. Patterson, as leader.

Choir practice 7:30 Tuesday evening Prayer meeting 7:30 Wednesday.

Our Baptist brethren again scored. We had 15 per cent of our membership present and they almost 16 1/2 per cent. This is a fair attendance for each. Let us double it at least. Let us double it whether they do or not.

Norris J. Reasoner, Minister.

### BASKET BALL PLAYER WILL WED TUCUMCARI GIRL

Al. Matthews, prominent basketball player and all round athlete, and Miss Evabell Yarbro, of this city, were applicants for a marriage license this week.

### LAS VEGAS BASKET BALL TEAMS WILL PLAY HERE FRIDAY

When the East Las Vegas basketball teams come to Tucumcari on Friday evening, January 26, the local supporters of the Purple and Gold will have to do some expert basket shooting to take the visitors into camp. Last year, the teams from Las Vegas were rated as at least equal to any in the state. The local teams were barely able to defeat them on their home court, and lost by a large margin in both the boys' and girls' games in Las Vegas.

Our teams are much stronger than last year, but they are not expecting an easy time on Friday night. As a matter of fact, they look forward to one of the hardest contests of the year in the boys' game. The local girls are playing with unusual form and speed, and should win from the visitors by a safe margin.

The Las Vegas teams play clean fast basket ball—the kind that keeps the spectators on their feet from the first whistle to the last. Regardless of who wins, you will see some great basket ball on Friday night.

The High School is humming with enthusiasm in anticipation of the coming contests. No games during the entire season will attract more attention than the ones which open our season.

Tucumcari is going out after the Northeast New Mexico Championship. The support of the public will be appreciated in these home games. Help put the Tucumcari High School on the map.

If you have never seen a real game of basket ball, come out Friday night. One never gets too old to enjoy the game—never too old to learn the game. The fact that you have never seen a game of basket ball should not keep you away—you will come to know it and enjoy it within ten minutes after the game begins. Come on, be a basket ball fan.

### A MAN AND A CRAB

A man was walking along the sea shore. He came upon a big crab in the sand. He said, "Well, Mr. Crab, hold on a minute," the crab was backing away from him. "Have you a family, Mr. Crab?" "Yes," replied the Crab. "So have I," said the man. "Do you beat and abuse them when you go home?"

"No," replied the Crab.

"Neither do I," said the man.

"Do you provide food and shelter for them?" asked the man.

"Yes," said the Crab.

"Well, we must have something in common, then," reflected the man.

"Mr. Crab, do you drink and carouse?"

"No," was the emphatic reply.

"Well do you gamble and swear?" asked the man, growing interested.

"Never in my life," replied the Crab and turned to leave his questioner.

"Wait a minute," urged the man. "I want to know where you are from."

"I was made of the dust of the ground," said the Crab.

"So was I," mused the man. "What difference is there between us anyway?"

"Just another question, Mr. Crab. Where do you expect to go when you die?"

"Nowhere," said the Crab as he scuttled away.

The man reflected. Here is a crab. He does not do an immoral thing. He loves his family and cares for them. And that is all. I do the same and no more. When he dies he is no more. When I die I should then only begin to live. I have a soul, I am a Man, but am living like a crab. I begin today to live a Man by giving my life to the service of God and man."

What are you doing reader? Are you living the life of a crab or a Man? Come to the Center Street Methodist church next Sunday and begin a new life. "What is Man?" will be the subject of the morning sermon. "On the Border Line" is the subject of the evening.

E. D. Lewis, Pastor.

### OLD FIRE BOYS ENJOY BIG FEED AND "NIGHT OUT."

The members of the old fire department met at the office of E. W. Bowen last Friday night and after a few minutes of pleasant conversation they repaired to the spacious dining room at the Evans Cafe where Mr. Evans had prepared an elaborate banquet for the "gang." After the feed they returned to the office rooms of Mr. Bowen where the evening was spent in games and a smoker.

Those present were Fred Kreger, M. E. Parish, Merl Ridley, Tom Ridley, Henry Rusby, Jim Lovelady, E. W. Bowen, B. T. Petty, John Young and Jim Shope. All report a pleasant time.

### IT IS PRACTICALLY USELESS TO SOW ALFALFA ON THIN SOILS WHERE THE BED ROCK APPROACHES THE SURFACE; ON LAND WHICH IS UNDERLAIN BY COMPATIVELY SHALLOW DEPTHS BY HARDPAN; OR IN LOCATIONS WHERE THE SUBSOIL IS SO COMPACT THAT THE ROOTS CANNOT PENETRATE IT.

### MINING BUSINESS WILL BOOM THIS YEAR

Mr. Thomas was in from the camp at Red Peaks Copper Co. last week and reports things moving along nicely. A number of Tucumcari people have taken stock and the price of same has advanced nearly fifty per cent since the ground was gone over by an expert mining engineer from Chicago, who said it was a number one proposition.

The company is now fully organized and will establish their head office at the mines, where they intend to build houses and lay out a small village which will grow into enormous proportions if the mines turn out like it is now figured they will. It will be necessary for the R. I. or the E. P. & S. W. to build a spur out to these mines and that will answer for two purposes, one for the hauling of the product from the mine, and one for the plains farmers to market their grain.

The bear grass industry would also profit by this spur as there is much of that native grass out that way. It does not seem possible that so much could happen all in one year, but when money is plentiful elsewhere it is always ready to be invested where the investment looks sound and reasonable. Quay county is bound to go forward now as never before. All the lands are taken up and the occupants are not boomers. They mean to make a good country out of this.

### NUTSHELL FACTS ABOUT "THE EYES OF THE WORLD"

Here are some of the nutshell facts about "The Eyes of the World," the book and the cinema version, which will be seen in this city at the Opera House two days, Thursday and Friday Feb. 22 and 23.

Cinema production the work of Clune, part producer of "The Clansman" ("The Birth of a Nation"), and sole producer of "Ramona."

It is in ten section, and its presentation consumes an entire afternoon or evening.

Was six months in the making and cost a fortune.

Occupied the undivided labor of one of the largest motion picture plants in California for over six months.

The story greatly amplified for the screen by the author, Harold Bell Wright.

Author actively assisted in person in putting his characters on the screen. It is a tale of romance and adventure in Riverside and San Bernardino mountains in California.

Is photographically a magnificent panorama of California's outdoor wonderful glories.

Has a musical score of great beauty arranged and composed by J. C. Nurnberger, former co-worker with Johann Straus, the "Waltz King."

Book has had a sale of over one million copies.

Estimated number of readers, five millions.

Sales of Harold Bell Wright's eight books, over eight million copies.

Estimated number of readers, forty million.

Average sale "successful" books, 15,000.

Average sale "best sellers," 60,000.

Average sale Harold Bell Wright's books, 900,000.

### ADAMSON SAYS SUPREME COURT MUST BE CAREFUL

Boston, Jan. 21.—Belief that the supreme court if it should declare the Adamson eight hour law unconstitutional, would find it necessary also to declare unconstitutional similar legislation, such as the sixteen hour law for railroad men and the thirteen hour law for tow boat employees, was expressed in an address here today by Representative William C. Adamson of Georgia, father of the Adamson bill.

"If the bill regulating the shipment of goods interstate in violation of the child labor law is constitutional, then there will be nothing to prevent congress from enacting a law to prevent interstate shipment of goods by men who have been forced to work more than eight hours," he continued.

### RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service commission has announced an examination for the County of Quay, N. M., to be held at Tucumcari on February 10, 1917, to fill the position of rural carrier at Quay and Endee, (Endee added), and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above named county. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a postoffice in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. This form and application blank may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

John E. Miles, P. M.,  
Endee, N. M.

### MR. VOYLES DEAD

Mr. Voyles, who lived near Puerto, died last Friday, after being sick only a short time. His sickness began with a slight pain in the head and it was only thought to be the headache, but death came unexpected and the family have the sympathy of the entire community where Mr. Voyles was held in high esteem.

### MEETING NEXT MON- DAY TO SET DATE FOR COWBOYS' ROUNDUP

Mr. Muirhead, President of the Chamber of Commerce, has called a meeting for Monday night, January 29th, to be held in the city hall for the purpose of setting the dates for the Second Annual Cowboys' General Roundup. It is desired to agree upon the dates at once so the advertising work can be commenced, and it is probable that all local business concerns will have advertising matter pertaining to the Roundup printed on their stationery.

It is thought that it will be better to hold the Roundup earlier this year, possibly in August. El Paso is arranging to hold such a carnival in March, following which will come the Amarillo Ozark Trail convention in June, the Redpath-Horner Chautauqua in Tucumcari in June, the Roundup in Las Vegas the fourth of July, and Tucumcari's Roundup therefore would come in about right in August.

The meeting Monday night will be an open meeting and everyone interested is invited to come out with their ideas, and if agreeable to everyone, the officers for the Second Roundup may be elected.

Don't forget the date and place—the City Hall, Monday, Jan. 29 at 7:30 p. m.

### WON'T ADMIT WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES HAS STARTED

Washington, Jan. 23.—Troop movements preliminary to withdrawal of the American expedition from Mexico are being carried out at the southern extremity of the American line under war department orders and as soon as they are complete the main body of the expedition will probably start up north.

For the first time officials admitted today that the withdrawal of outposts from El Valle and other points about Colonia Buhlin had more than a local significance and was being carried out on orders from Washington. They made no announcement as to the probable time when the general northern movement would begin and would not even admit that withdrawal of Pershing's troops after ten months in Mexico was at hand. Since the effort to effect an agreement with General Carranza ended in failure, the administration has indicated that its next step would be made known through action rather than by announcement.

Officials are much interested, but apparently little concerned, over growing evidences that a determined struggle for possession of the territory evacuated by Pershing may be in progress soon between Carranza troops and revolutionists.

Today's official dispatches said that Villa and Zapata, the most conspicuous revolutionists, had allied themselves for operations against the de facto armies and that 8,000 men had been concentrated near Chihuahua for a Villa campaign in the north. Since Carranza declined to accept the Atlantic City protocol, officials have indicated that such problems as the one developed about Chihuahua not only would be left to Carranza for settlement, but that he would be held responsible by the United States government for their settlement in such a way as to protect American interests.

The question of raising the embargo on arms to Mexico and the dispatch of Ambassador Fletcher to Mexico remain in abeyance. There were indications that the prospect of sending the ambassador to his post had been made more indefinite by two developments construed in some quarters as a renewal of practices of the Carranza government against which the United States has protested repeatedly.

### PRISONER ESCAPES

Sheriff King of Memphis, Texas, was a busy man around Glenrio, Sunday. While taking a young offender from Santa Rosa to Memphis for trial, the prisoner, at dawn, as the train was leaving the yard at almost normal speed, jumped from the car window, disturbing the embankment somewhat where he landed, but he could not have been very badly injured for about the time the officer made his appearance the young man had disappeared. The minion of the law tore up the sage brush and raised dust imitating a rare young cyclone in chasing around in quest of his late charge. All of Sunday was given over to a search for the missing man, who had mysteriously disappeared and presumably was enjoying New Mexico sunshine.—Glenrio Tribune Progress.

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Cleveland, Ohio.